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Revisions to labour force estimates - available today

Revised employment and unemployment statistics were released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The revisions follow the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors undertaken by the ABS and affect seasonally adjusted and trend data.

The reanalysis of seasonal factors incorporates the most recent 12 months of labour force data, to produce revised seasonal factors. Consequently, revisions may occur for estimates for 1996 and for prior years.

Revised monthly seasonally adjusted estimates of employment and the unemployment rate for the period January 1996 to January 1997 are:

	Employment ('000)		Unemployment rate (%)	
	As published	As revised	As published	As revised
Jan 96	8321.9	8308.3	8.5	8.5
Feb	8336.3	8328.9	8.4	8.4
Mar	8281.0	8294.0	8.5	8.5
Apr	8290.8	8289.2	8.9	8.8
May	8324.8	8328.9	8.5	8.5
Jun	8333.5	8331.6	8.3	8.3
Jul	8343.2	8342.1	8.5	8.6
Aug	8381.1	8381.6	8.8	8.8
Sep	8347.0	8356.0	8.7	8.7
Oct	8372.5	8377.9	8.8	8.8
Nov	8397.0	8393.6	8.5	8.5
Dec	8401.5	8396.7	8.6	8.6
Jan97	8439.9	8425.1	8.6	8.6

The ABS will publish revised data in **Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary** (cat. no. 6202.0) to be released on 13 March 1997, and in **Labour Force, Australia** (cat. no. 6203.0) towards the end of March 1997.

These data are now available on the ABS's electronic data service *PC-Ausstats* and as a standard product available on request from the Labour Force Section.

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